Northside Neighbor to Neighbor Timebank is coming to the northside this fall. A Timebank is formed when a group of individuals agree to earn or spend Time dollars. Time dollars are a special kind of money that everyone can earn and everyone can spend. One hour helping another person or an organization like Kennedy Heights community center earns one time dollar.

When a Timebank member wants help they call the Timebank coordinator, who assigns a member to the task. After the exchange of service, the coordinator logs the Time Dollars earned and spent.

Timebanks are based on four core values: **Assets**, we are all assets; **Redefining Work**, building community is real work; **Reciprocity**, helping works better as a two-way street; **Social Capital**, being together means being stronger.

All northside residents are invited to attend an orientation kickoff on October 20th at 6:30 PM at Lakeview Lutheran Church. For more information contact the Dane County Timebank Interim Director Stephanie Rearick at 443-8229.

### MG&E Energy Saving Tips

**Energy Saving Tips Laundry**

Clean the clothes dryer lint trap after each load. It will dry faster and save money.

Wash clothes in cold water and save 10 to 20 cents per load.

**Tsuag Hluav Taws Xob Lub Caij Ntxhua Khuab Ncaws**

Ttxhua zaus koj ziaj tag, tu so lub cav kom huv si kom txhob muaj plua txhauv. Ces ttxhua zaus koj mus siv dua yuav qhuav zoo thiaj tsis nkim nyiaj ziaj dua. Yog ntxhua dej txias. Ttxag tau 10 mus rau 20 cents ttxhua zaus.

### Being a Commonwealth Development Student

**By Darius Green**

My name is Darius Green and I am sophomore at East High School. When I was a freshman I was looking for a summer job and saw an ad for employment training for kids my age. I noticed a sign for the Commonwealth Development program and decided to check it out.

I participated in pre-employment training in February and March and then Commonwealth randomly selected jobs for us. I interviewed at Kennedy Heights and was accepted for a job. Kennedy Heights ended up being a great job for me due to the location and the fact that I am familiar with the neighborhood.

I spent the entire summer working at the center. In the mornings, I worked with the Early Childhood Program and then in the afternoons I helped with the summer food program. I had a fun summer with the kids, and enjoy working with Jerry Overstreet, the youth program coordinator. Kennedy Heights is a great community, and I am glad I had a chance to get to know it from the inside.
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Girl Neighborhood Power Happenings

By: Dre Verdi
As the summer winds down and school has begun, Girl Neighborhood Power will begin the next enrollment period. GNP is a program for girls in 4th—10th grade that focuses on recreation, academic success, community service, and health education. We also often go on some fun and interesting field trips.

Over the past years GNP has been involved in a variety of exciting events. Last year for instance, we had a photography club and many of the photos from GNP participants were selected to be exhibited at the Overture Center.

Recent trips have included a tour of the Governor’s Mansion, Kalahari Resort, swimming, roller skating, and an urban challenge downtown. Starting in October Girl Power will take the lead in a community wide food drive “Trick or Treat so Others Can Eat”. Look for our food barrels through-out the community.

We also have plenty of “Girl Time” in girl power where we try to let girls relax together, have fun, and talk about things important to them. Staff recruit tutors to help girls with their homework to ensure all the participants have the resources to successfully complete their homework.

Most Girl Power activities this fall will be open to all girls. Tuesday nights will be for just 4th and 5th grade girls and some nights will be just for middle school girls.

All girls between 9—15 in the Kennedy Heights community are welcome to join Girl Power. Just stop by the center and pick up an enrollment packet or call the center and ask for Dre Verdi if you have further questions 244-0767.

American Dream Down-payment Initiative

The City of Madison Community Development Office facilitates homeownership opportunities for lower income households. The Madison American Dream Down-payment Initiative (ADDI) provides qualified first-time homebuyers, displaced homemakers, and single parents with long-term deferred loans to assist with purchasing a home located within the City of Madison. The program offers loan assistance ranging from a minimum of $1000 to a maximum of $10,000, based on need. The assistance is used to cover the down payment on a home and eligible closing costs.

The down payment assistance is a second mortgage loan which will become due and payable to the City of Madison when the property is sold, transferred or ceases to be the primary residence of the homebuyer.

To ensure the loans are consistently originated and processed, the Madison American Dream Downpayment Initiative eligibility requirements have been established and approved by the City of Madison CDBG Commission and the Common Council. For more information about requirements and how to apply contact the CDBG office at 267-0740 or visit them on the web at www.ci.madison.wi.us/cdbg.

Early Childhood Program Graduation

By: Rachel Fisher
The Early Childhood Program had a wonderful summer. Kids got to put on their bathing suits and enjoy “Water Day”. They loved to blowing bubbles for each other to pop and watching the way the light hit them. Our favorite summer activity was going to the zoo, we saw all the different kinds of animals and we even ate a picnic lunch by the lake.

At the end of August the program had to say good-bye to five of our program participants who graduated, Aaron Yang Panouchie Lee, Monroe O’Dell, Michelle Her, and Jayynn McNair. We celebrated their graduation with a parent lunch and a small gift of school supplies to take with them to kindergarten. The Early Childhood program has a few opening remaining for this fall. Parents of 3-5 year old children should contact Rachel at 244-0767 for enrollment information.
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Knitting Comes Back to Kennedy Heights

By: Jody Schmitz

By popular demand, knitting will return this fall to the Women’s Group. The first meeting, on Friday October 14 will welcome the return of the knitting group.

All of the knitters who started last year are urged to return and women who missed the first groups last year are specially invited to join in the fun. Exciting new yarn and patterns are available so don’t miss the October 14 meeting. Equipment is provided and knitting help is given by volunteers from RSVP. The class and basic supplies are free. Come and get an early start on holiday presents. Hope to see you in October.

A Challenge to Kennedy Heights Residents

By: Jody Schmitz

Kennedy Heights Community Center has been a star in the North-side community for almost 20 years. In the spring and summer of 1986 a building developed on the east end of the apartment parking lot. Built as the result of the dedication of several community leaders and in response to community need the foundation of the Kennedy Heights Community Center appeared.

Almost twenty years later, our door is open 10 to 12 hours a day, six days a week. Each day about 100 people access one of our services or programs. Ever since we were a part of the Community Cultures program two years ago, Kennedy Heights has truly belonged to the larger neighborhood of the Northside and our community is more involved in the Northside.

Now, with our approaching 20th anniversary, we should accept a more active role in the total community around us, get involved in Northside projects, such as the time bank or the Northside planning council.

Soon the center will begin to plan our 20th anniversary celebration any residents interested in being more involved with event planning or the northside planning council please contact Jody at the community center 244-0767.

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INTRODUCTION. I’d like to introduce myself. My name is Gina Ostrowski. I grew up in a small town in central Wisconsin. I have three sisters, one brother, three nieces, and two nephews. I use a wheelchair because I have muscular dystrophy. If you have questions about my disability, just ask. I like to play various board and card games, listen to music, and spend time outside during the summer. I also enjoy volunteering and meeting new people.

I attended college at UW-Whitewater and received a degree in Elementary Education. I taught kindergarten for a few years. I returned to school to get a Master’s degree in counseling. After graduating, I moved to Madison because I believe it’s a beautiful city and is filled with diversity. WELCOME. I am excited about the new school year. I look forward to working with the children and meeting all of you. PARTNERSHIP. I am here to help every child in any way that I can. I hope that we can work together so that I can offer the best experience possible. Please contact me with any suggestions or concerns. PHILOSOPHY. It is important for children to feel success, learn at their own pace, and be challenged. I will try to provide many activities that will increase the children’s interest in learning and begin to gain a more positive feeling about themselves and about learning. I also hope to help the children learn how to make good choices and become better problem solvers. VOLUNTEERING. Come spend time at the After School Program. We appreciate any time that you can give us. If you are interested I will work with you to find something that matches your interest. Some ideas include cooking, cleaning, organizing, playing games, crafts, reading, or helping with homework. FEEDBACK. I welcome suggestions or comments to improve the After School Program and encourage you to play a role in making it great. CONTACT INFORMATION. Please feel free to contact me at the Community Center (244-0767), email (sendmailtogina@yahoo.com). If you are unable to contact me directly please leave a message.